

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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August 16, 2001

Mr. Charles L. Howorth, Jr.
Regulatory Vice President
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
333 Commerce Street #2104
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Dear Mr. Howorth:

BellSouth recently filed an SGAT in support of its 271 application, docket No. 97-00309. This document, on its face, looks similar to the generic agreement (also known as the modified interconnection agreement) filed in the Generic Docket to Establish Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection docket No. 01-00526. To assist the Authority with our review of BellSouth's 271 application, please provide the following:

- 1.) For each provision included in the SGAT provide the corresponding provision in the generic agreement. If no corresponding provision exists explain why.
- 2.) Identify any differences between the provision in the SGAT and the corresponding provision in the generic agreement and explain the reason for this difference.
- 3.) Identify any provision included in the generic agreement that is not included in the SGAT and explain the reason for the exclusion.

We request that you submit your responses in both docket No. 97-00309 and 01-00526 to the Authority by Thursday August 30, 2001. If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact Colleen Edwards at 741-2904 ext.176.

Sincerely,



K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary